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1) The REPLY BRIEF filed July 19, 2006 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

2) Acknowledgment is also made of the information disclosure statement filed (IDS) on June 21, 2006. The June 21, 2006 information disclosure statement is filed after a final action under § 1.113, and is filed before payment of the issue fee and is accompanied by a certification 37 CFR 1.97(e)(2).

However, the statement for certification under 37 CFR 1.97(e)(2) states "...no item...was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office...or,...was known to any individual designated..." (in the alternate); whereas, a certification under 37 C.F.R 1.97(e)(2) requires to state "...no item...was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office...and,...was known to an individual designated...".

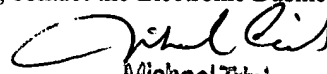
Accordingly, since all of the requirements are not properly met, a copy of the FORM PTO 1449, not considered, is attached herewith.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael M. Trinh whose telephone number is (571) 272-1847. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F: 8:30 Am to 5:00 Pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Zandra Smith can be reached on (571) 272-2429. The central fax phone number is (703) 872-9306.

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